Vernacular Middle School at Ozhuva, Shertallai.

270. **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the P. W. D. Section Officer, Shertallai, and the Overseer have inspected the building in which the Vernacular Middle School at Ozhuva in Shertallai is located ;

(*b*) the opinion of these officers regarding this building ;

(*c*) whether the Ag. Director of Public Instruction has inspected this building, and, if so, his opinion about it ;

(*d*) whether they have been convinced of the necessity of reconstructing this building ; and

(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the affirmative, whether they have taken any action or ordered any action being taken in the matter ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) They are of opinion that the building stands in need of improvement.

(*c*) Yes. He is also of the same opinion.

(*d*) and (*e*) The Director will be asked to submit detailed proposals to the Government.

Statement, by caste, of appointments made by the Land Revenue and Income-Tax Commissioner.

271. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing separately the number of Brahmins, Nayars, Catholics, Jacobites, Mar Thoma Christians, Protestants, Ezhavas, Mahomedans, Vellalas and other classes, in the appointments made direct by the Land Revenue Commissioner or on his recommendation to Government since his entering that office up to the 1st Mithunam 1104 ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : A statement* containing the required information is laid on the table.

The Lalam-Todupuzha Road.

272. **MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE** (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*) : In regard to the Lalam-Todupuzha road, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the present condition of the road is such as to afford adequate facilities for traffic ;

(*b*) how many buses are now (16-11-1104) plying regularly along this road ; and

(*c*) whether any arrangement has been made at present for the proper maintenance of this road which is being used by a large number of travellers and vehicles ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The road is not fit for heavy bus traffic.

(*b*) 13.

(*c*) Yes. The 7th mile has been remetalled already. An estimate for metalling the first 3 miles is being scrutinised by the Chief

* *Vide* Appendix XLII—page 907.

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[Mr. T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar.]

Engineer and improvements to and metalling of the worst portions of the road in miles 8 to 16 are being carried out.

Receipts under Opium and Ganja in the Shertallai Taluk.

273. **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the revenue under opium and ganja realised by them from the Shertallai taluk at the time when auction was held for 1104;

(*b*) the revenue under this head derived by them from the auction held for 1105; and

(*c*) the bid amounts for 1104 and 1105 in respect of the opium and ganja shop opened at Muttattangadi in the Shertallai town?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The rentals for the opium and ganja shops in the taluk for 1104 and 1105 come to Rs. 9,065 and Rs. 17,100, respectively.

(*c*) Rs. 3,215 and Rs. 5,000, respectively.

Excise Divisions under the Assistant Excise Commissioners.

274. **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Divisions under the Assistant Excise Commissioners in the State;

(*b*) whether the Excise Commissioner has recommended to them that any of these Divisions be abolished;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, the names of the Divisions recommended to be abolished;

(*d*) whether they have taken any action in the matter; and

(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the affirmative, the action they have taken?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 11.

(*b*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*c*) The Kayankulam and the Salt Factory Divisions.

(*d*) and (*e*) The proposal is under consideration.

Particulars re liquor, opium and ganja shops in the State.

275. **MR. V. J. OOMMEN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of toddy shops in the State in 1102, 1103 and 1104;

(*b*) the number of arrack shops in the State in 1102, 1103 and 1104; and

(*c*) the number of opium and ganja shops in the State in 1102, 1103 and 1104?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) A statement* containing the information required by the member is laid on the table.

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